

GILBERT'S "What Young People Think"

Many Teen-Agers Cheat on Exams, Claim Justification

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This is a fateful hour in the classroom. On it depends to a considerable extent the grades for the semester. Examination papers have been passed and 20 or 30 teen-age heads bend over them. The silence is broken by a cough, a sigh, the first hesitant scratchings of pens. The pens move faster. Now subtle movements begin. Without a turn of the head, eyes stray casually to a neighbor's answer sheet. A student stretches and his chair slides inches closer to a classmate's. Silently, a crib sheet passes along a row. This is a fateful hour in the classroom . . .

Many of them felt no qualms. Forty-four per cent of the boys and 35 per cent of the girls maintained cheating is justified on occasion. About the same number

Questions Asked

Do you cheat in tests or examinations?
Do most of your friends or classmates cheat in tests or examinations?
Would you say that cheating is more prevalent in some classes than in others?
Do you have any idea why? Do you think cheating ever justified?
Do you ever use crib sheets in examinations?
How often are students in your school caught cheating?
How are they punished?
Have you any suggestions for preventing cheating?

said they sometimes use crib sheets. "What's so serious?" asked a 16-year-old Atlanta boy. "Sometimes I get blocked on an exam, and all I need is just one word to unplug my memory."

Nothing Wrong
A 17-year-old Chicago girl said, "I don't really feel I've done anything wrong. Everybody has let his eye flick over another's paper at one time or another."
"If you can get away with it, you're smart," said a 17-year-old Dallas, Tex., girl. "If you get caught, you're stupid."
Would this attitude be as casual, I wonder, if these same students were asked whether they lie, steal or swindle? Somehow, teenagers do not seem to equate cheating with these more serious-sounding offenses. And they report that students are hardly ever caught at it.
"Sometimes just four or five points can make the difference between passing or failing an entire term's work," a 17-year-old New Yorker told the interviewer. "When so much hangs in the balance for a few lousy points, it seems like the only thing for some kids to do."

Reflects Lax Standards
In the same vein, a 16-year-old Miami student said, "All we have are tests, tests and more tests. It's a regular scoreboard, and we're supposed to chalk up good marks. Well if that's all they want, I'll get it."
It is evident, then, that the problem of cheating dredges up the more basic issues of what the student is really working for, where the schools are placing their emphasis, and the codes of conduct practiced by the parents. "If there wasn't as much emphasis on grades," said an 18-year-old boy from New Brunswick, N.J., "there wouldn't be as much cheating."

More Fuss Needed
A 16-year-old girl in Fort Worth, Texas, said, "I think it would stop if the teachers made a greater fuss, but all they do is just take a couple of points off your mark. Some of them give you a zero for the exam."
A 17-year-old New York boy said:

"Sometimes I'll ask my Dad for some help with my economics course, because some of those theories are beyond me. He's a tax consultant. But he's too busy. He's always worried about money, or else he's always figuring out how to drag new clients into his office."

Autograph Party Next Wednesday At Parrish High
Parrish Junior High School ninth graders will have an autograph party at 2:30 p.m. next Wednesday in the school. Another year-end event, distribution of annuals, will be next Thursday. Sports lettermen will be given an ice cream feed at 6 p.m. Wednesday by the faculty. Final examinations will be June 2 to 4.

The Arctic is slowly warming up. The climate in some regions has moderated by about one degree Fahrenheit in 10 years.

Salem School Reporter

Pupils Given Welcome at North High

By NANCY COLBURN

Parrish Junior High ninth graders were presented with a welcoming assembly Wednesday by students of North Salem High. A welcome speech was given by Paul Maynard, newly elected student body president.

Other speeches were given by Connie Collins, second vice president, and D'Ann Downey, winner of scholarship to Brigham Young University.

Performing were Yell Leaders Neil Merrell, Donovan Wabs and Lanny Ycoy. Rally Squad members Bev Frey, Sue Boring, Jody Bourne, Janice Messmer, Janet Messmer and Margie Miller also performed.

A combo composed of Jim Mudd, Jim Bowlin, Judy Winter, Chuck McGee and Gary Nopp played. Others on the program were Kathy Campbell doing a modern dance and a trio consisting of Leslie Neuns, Becky Barnes and Linda Bleckert singing "Lollipop."

Girl Wins BYU Award

By MARILYN SPARKS

D'Ann Downey, North Salem High senior, has been awarded a full tuition and fees scholarship to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The scholarship is given by the college through the drama department. It is renewable. D'Ann keeps her grades above a 3.0 and takes drama part in dramatics.

She is a member of Snikpoh Dramatics Society and won the Snikpoh "Willy" award for her supporting role in "Stage Door." D'Ann has participated in all the three act plays which have been presented at North Salem during her attendance at the school.

In addition to her drama activities D'Ann is publicity manager for the senior class. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Marcus Downey, 2224 Bryman Ave. NE.

Class Elects Two
Junior class officers for next year, elected by North High's sophomore class, Wednesday include Colleen Watter, second vice president; LaWauna Lyle, secre-



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tary; and Shari Shipley, treasurer. Revotes for the two positions on the girls' portion of the JV rally squad will be held Thursday. Pat Patterson, Jerry Baker, Bonnie Brown and Pat Cooper are the candidates for these offices.

Staff Works On Annual

By PATRICIA LEE

Tom Nash, Leslie seventh grade English and social studies teacher, will be the advisor for the Judson Junior High yearbook next year. Members, thus far, of the next year's yearbook staff are David Torgeson, Bob Schwieso, Linda Ohling, Marilee Watts, Christine Holms and Cheryl Singer.

Going Steady Doesn't Lead To Altar, Survey Reveals

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—It ain't necessarily so that going steady leads to the altar. Not from high school, anyway. That's what Patricia Siviter found out, despite pop song impressions to the contrary, in inviting her 1948 graduating class back to Detroit's Southeastern High School for a reunion Saturday. Pat sent along a questionnaire, too. She reached 390 of the class' 594 members. From the questionnaire and her memories of 10 years ago, Pat figures 226 of her classmates went steady with each other. Only nine of the 133 couples ended up at the altar together.

The staff of the Leslie annual is spending time in the morning and afternoon at the "Your Town" printing shop. Working on the morning shift are Sandy Sneddon, Gregg Wittman, Maryb Stein, Susan Steinke and Rondi Douglas. Students working in the afternoon are Sally Jochimsen, Nancy Van Houten, Dale Henken and Pat Richie.

Industrial Scrapbook Made
Mrs. Ione MacNamara's classes have recently completed a scrapbook called "What Oregon Contributes to the Nation," which deals with the industries of Oregon. The scrapbook was part of the Oregon social studies unit.

This scrapbook along with an early Oregon history mural made by Mrs. Alice Robinson's classes will be sent later in the year to the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge.

GRADE SCHOOL NOTES

Melvin Haines Winner
Third graders at Englewood School who recently participated in a spelling contest were Mara Schechtman, Jeff McElhinny, Ilene Periman, Rodney Hughes, Camie Brown, Gail Mason, Dale Strong, Kenneth Bays, George Bynon, Kenneth Zwasschka, Jerry Pattison and Melvin Haines. Champion was Melvin Haines.

Pioneer Program at Bush
Miss Merl Dimick's first grade at Bush School will present a public assembly program today at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on "How the People of the Oregon Country Became Americans."

Paul Ertsgaard will sing "The Bird's Nest" and "Covered Wagon Days" will be sung by Buddy Bender, Paul Ertsgaard, Larry Adams and Michael Lewis. Marla Gaarenstroom, Linda Bye, Sue Zetterburg, Michael Lewis, Buddy Bender, Paul Ertsgaard and Larry Adams will sing the song "Spring." All the children of the class will take part in the folk dances.

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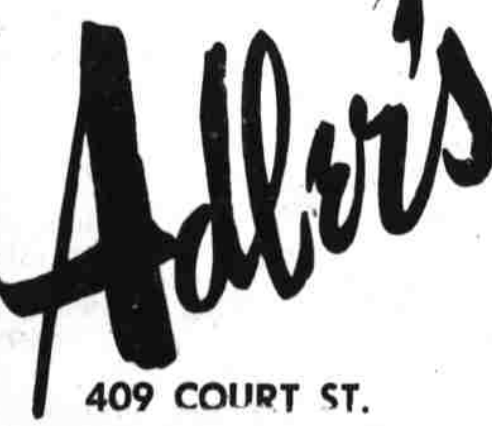
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Two Winners of Awards



Lucille Wonderly, left, and Lila Burger, South Salem High seniors who have won college scholarships.



South Salem Girls Win Oregon Scholarships

Three South Salem High School senior girls have won scholarships to colleges in Oregon. Other winners are being notified as the school year nears an end. Lucille Wonderly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Wonderly, 1305 12th St. SE, is winner of a Music in May scholarship for Pacific University, Forest Grove. Miss Wonderly won the scholarship by an audition and music test in which she scored 72 compared to a 50 national average. She is a member of Tri-M Club, Pep Club, 4-H, Church Youth Fellowship, band, orchestra, choir and is leading lady in a coming South Salem High School operetta. She plans to major in music education.

Lila Burger is recipient of an academic scholarship to Linfield College for two terms. She is a staff member of the school yearbook, Girls League representative, and a member of National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Latin Club, Pep Club, Ski Club, Pep Club, Esther Little Y-Teens and Salem Heights Baptist Youth Group.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Burger, 350 Madrona Ave. SE, Miss Burger will major in nursing at Linfield. Judy Baker was announced Wednesday as winner of a one-year tuition scholarship from Oregon State College Memorial Fund. She is Pep Club president, past worthy adviser of Chadwick Assembly, past Girl of the Month, and member of National Honor Society, Muriel Morse Horizon, Girls League and Coronation Court.

Miss Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker, 775 Spears Ave. SE. She plans to major in elementary education.

'Miss Wool' Contest Blanks Now Ready

Salem area candidates who wish to compete for the western title of "Miss Wool" may acquire entry blanks at Salem Chamber of Commerce, it was announced Wednesday. One candidate from this area will be selected to compete with entrants from the 13 western wool producing states. The winner will be crowned at the National Miss Wool Pageant in San Angelo, Tex., Aug. 25-30. Entrants must be unmarried, 18 to 25 years old, 5 feet 4 to 5 feet 8 inches tall in stocking feet, and wear size 12 dress. They must also have at least one year of accredited college work. Two 8x10 glossy photos must accompany each application.

South Salem Boys To Get Awards From Rifle Club

Dave Lockard of South Salem High school will receive his ninth sharpshooter bar in an awards program Friday for members of the Salem Junior Optimist Rifle Club. Forty-one other members will receive awards for advancement in the program at 7 p.m. at the Army Reserve Center on Airport Road. Boys receiving sharpshooter awards or sharpshooter bars are: David Coulson, Russell Durkee, Jack Johnston, Roy Ledgerwood, Gary Lunda, Tom Chown, Erick Setala, John Haller, Terry Gray, Lee Gray, Mike Faist, Bill Kanz, Jim Ross, Stan Rolness, Steve Palmason and Dick Stewart.

Schools Saluted For Participation In Stamp Program

Outstanding participation in a U. S. Savings Stamp program brought special recognition to six Salem grade schools Wednesday. Schools honored were Keizer, Brush College, Cummings, Four Corners, Grant and Swegle. Receiving the award for Keizer was student body president Joanne Monner. Other school representatives were announced previously.

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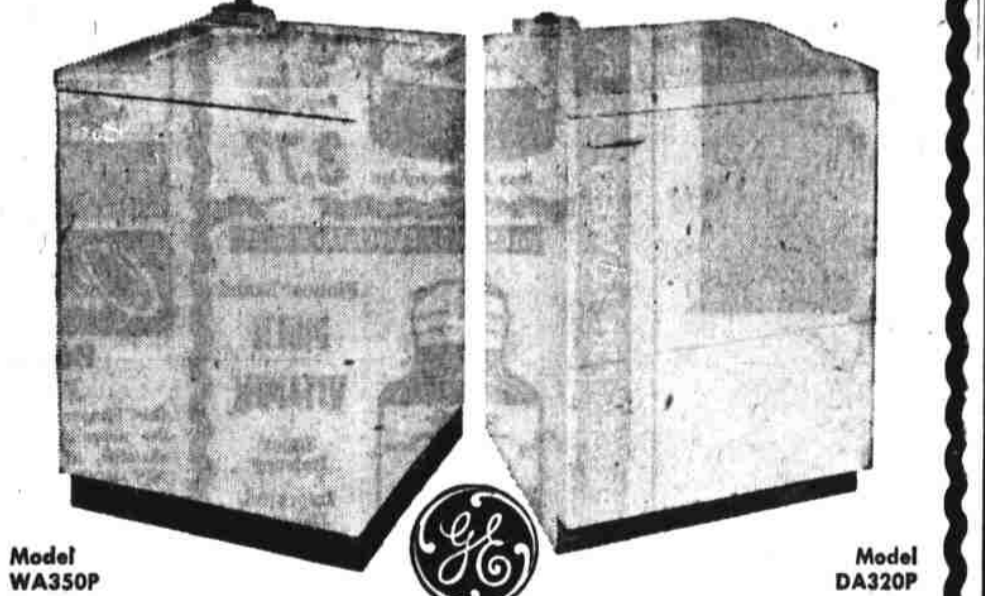
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